

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

Listing of Claims

1-4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin vessel according to claim 15, wherein the clamping step comprises the steps of: extruding a part of a resin in a portion corresponding to the flange portion in flange inner and outer peripheral directions; and forming the flange portion.

6-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin vessel according to claim 15, wherein the thermoplastic resin sheet is formed of at least a thermoplastic polyester resin.

12-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin vessel, comprising the steps of:

1) fixing a thermoplastic resin sheet outside a forming portion of a cut-shaped vessel at a fixing position of the thermoplastic resin sheet;

2) pre-forming an inner portion of the thermoplastic resin sheet relative to the fixing position by a plug, wherein a portion corresponding to an orifice portion or a flange portion of the cup-shaped vessel is drawn;

3) clamping a portion corresponding to the orifice portion or the flange portion of the cup-shaped vessel at a clamping position ~~a pre-formed portion of the thermoplastic resin sheet inside a portion where the thermoplastic resin sheet is fixed;~~

4) drawing an inner portion of the thermoplastic resin sheet relative to the clamping position ~~pre-formed portion~~ further by the plug;

5) pneumatically forming a drawn ~~the~~ thermoplastic resin sheet into a shape of a lower mold heated at not less than a crystallization temperature of the thermoplastic resin sheet, and thermally fixing the sheet; and

6) decompressing an inside of a formed article to contract the formed article into a shape of the plug which is a final vessel shape, and cooling the article.

16. (New) The method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin vessel according to claim 15, wherein said clamping position is located inside the fixing position so that the inner portion preformed at the pre-forming step is claimed by the clamping step.